(c) Governments of India and Nigeria, through a Joint Declaration signed on 21-10-1987, are committed to extend co-operation to each other in the suppression of drug abuse and prevention of drug trafficking. It has been further resolved to enter into appropriate arrangements to achieve this objective.

Purchase of Sacking Materials by Government Agencies

3825. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN :
SHRI NARAYAN KAR :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government agencies are not regular in purchasing sacking materials and other jute products and that they are allowing the import of cheap raw materials by the synthetic industry ; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any policy decision in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Government agencies engaged in the procurement of foodgrains and sugar are purchasing jute bags on periodic basis and they are using jute bags exclusively for packing purposes. In the cement and fertilizer sectors, there has been partial usage of both jute and synthetic bags.

(b) Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987 has been enacted for mandatory usage of jute packaging material for certain sectors of the economy.

Holding of 'India Electronics 88' Fair

3826. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to hold "India Electronics 88" Fair in Delhi in September, 1988 ;

(b) if so, what is the response from the Indian industry and from foreign countries; and

(c) whether this exercise would help promote India's electronic export trade ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Trade Fair Authority of India is organising the "Electronics India '88" Fair at Delhi in September, 1988.

(b) About 300 exhibitors from India and abroad are expected to participate in the exhibition.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Ban on Fresh Recruitment

3827. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to lift the ban on fresh recruitment so as to extend employment opportunities to the unemployed youth ; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI) : (a) The Government have already liberalised the guidelines regarding filling up of vacancies, in May 1986. According to the revised guidelines, subject to fulfilment of certain conditions, vacancies in Government departments—both plan and non-plan—arising due to promotion, retirement, death, resignation, dismissal, removal or deputation, etc, can now be filled up.

(b) The details of the aforementioned guidelines are contained in Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Office Memoranda No. F. 7(1)-E (Coord.)/86, dated 20th May, 1986 and 15th July, 1986. Five copies each of these orders were placed in Parliament Library in 1986